

of Nebraska? Wyoming just scuttled this bill. Are you going to have a staging unit out there to when you come up to the line you are going to put a cabooses on? They are not going to take the lights off of cabooses or off of the back of the trains. That would be stupid to do that. It is going to be safe or they won't do it. Now if the union agrees to it then I don't think there is anything we can do in here. I think what I am saying is that I don't think a Legislature has any reason to get into labor-management agreements. That is between labor and management, not the Legislature. The thing that we would do here if we would put those cabooses on, no other state around us would have those cabooses on certain trains, not all trains. I am sure they wouldn't take a mile and a half train and not have a cabooses on it. But the shorter trains they allow right now up to, I think it is two or three miles from the yards, no cabooses. That is something that was agreed upon. I don't know if it is right or wrong and I am not privileged to have the information to know what is right and what is wrong as far as the safety of the cabooses is concerned, the safety of the train, the safety of the crews, I don't know, but the people that are responsible for that are the people in the unions and in managements that know and certainly management has complete responsibility for the whole thing financially. The unions don't have and I just think it would be wrong that we would do this.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it appears to me that this is nothing but a feather-bedding bill. I think we have to recognize that as Senator Clark has said, this is a management-labor relation issue and that really when it comes right down to it that it is the management that pays the bill. If they are willing to pay that bill, if labor wants to do what they are apparently trying to do, then let's change the bill so that they pay half the cost. That would be fair it seems to me in this kind of a situation. But I think we need to recognize what we are doing to the Nebraska farmer in terms of what it will cost him to ship corn out of this state. We need to think in terms of what it's going to cost us on utilities. I have heard all kinds of people on this floor wanting to do something about utilities cost. Here is a chance for us to do something about it. We've got all kind of coal cars coming into this state and if we want to cut some of our costs on that coal, let's do it by getting rid of the cabooses. I don't see any reason in the world why if management and labor together agree that we've got a safety factor, they can't put the cabooses on, but if there isn't that need, then why should